



West Davis Corridor Environmental Study Fact Sheet

Salt Lake City (January 2010) – The Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) is preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to study a potential transportation corridor in western Davis and Weber Counties. The West Davis Corridor Environmental Study will evaluate transportation needs through the year 2040 while considering community and environmental concerns to identify a solution that will be a benefit to the West Davis and Weber area.

Potential transportation corridors have been previously identified in studies conducted by the Wasatch Front Regional Council and local cities as part of their long-range planning in 2001, 2007 and 2009. While these studies will be considered along with other options, including various modes of transportation, a final alignment has not been selected. A final decision will not be made until the completion of this study. The following is information regarding the West Davis Corridor Environmental Study:

Study Details:

- UDOT is studying transportation needs in western Davis and Weber counties from the Great Salt Lake on the west to I-15 on the east, and from Parrish Lane in Centerville on the south to 12th Street in Marriott-Slaterville on the north.
- UDOT is coordinating with local cities, counties, state and federal regulatory agencies and other interested individuals and organizations to ensure that all issues and potential concerns are identified and considered before a final decision is made.
- Public input is highly valued and will shape the final outcome of the study. UDOT will proactively communicate and provide opportunities for the western Davis and Weber communities to be involved throughout the study.
- Residents and interested parties can also contact the study team at 877.298.1991 or westdavis@utah.gov.

Study Timeline:

The West Davis Corridor Environmental Study will take three-to-five years to complete. This amount of time is necessary to complete the steps required by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The following is the timeline being targeted by the study team:

- *Winter 2010–Spring 2010:* Gather input from residents, local officials, regulatory agencies and all interested parties to understand the issues facing western Davis and Weber counties.
- *Summer 2010–Fall 2010:* Study in detail transportation alternatives that effectively address the identified needs. Potential human, community, cultural, economic and environmental concerns for each alternative will be evaluated.
- *Winter 2011–Fall 2011:* The Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), which documents the study, transportation alternatives, potential concerns of each alternative and input from the public, will be drafted and available for review at public hearings.
- *Winter 2012–Summer 2012:* UDOT will respond to all comments received regarding the Draft EIS and publish a Final EIS.
- *Fall 2012–Winter 2013:* The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) will review the Final EIS and issue a Record of Decision based on all data and comments presented in the Final EIS.

National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA):

- NEPA requires federal agencies to incorporate human, community, cultural, economic and environmental considerations in planning and decision-making.
- An Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is the official document disclosing the decision-making process and potential impacts of proposed actions.
- NEPA mandates extensive evaluation and public input.
- As a decision-making document, an EIS is the last step in the study process and is required before any type of solution can be designed or built.

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